



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

United States of America,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case:4:23-cr-20652  
Judge: Behm, F. Kay  
MJ: Ivy, Curtis  
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INDI USA V NICHOLAS ALAN DUNN, ET A  
L (LG)

D-1 Nicholas Alan Dunn,  
D-2 Preston Creed-Boehm,  
D-3 Joshua Buren Hippensteel,

Defendants.

Violations:  
18 U.S.C. § 2251(a)  
18 U.S.C. § 2251(a) & (e)  
18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(2)  
18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(5)(B) & (b)(2)

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**INDICTMENT**

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

**COUNT ONE**  
**18 U.S.C. § 2251(a)**  
**Sexual Exploitation of a Minor**

D-1 Nicholas Alan Dunn  
D-3 Joshua Buren Hippensteel

1. In or around October 2022, in the Eastern District of Michigan, and elsewhere, defendants, Nicholas Alan Dunn and Joshua Buren Hippensteel, knowingly employed, used, persuaded, induced, enticed, and coerced a minor, MV-1, to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing a visual depiction of such conduct, knowing and having reason to know that such visual depiction would be transported and transmitted using a means and facility of

interstate and foreign commerce, and in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce; and the visual depiction was produced and transmitted using materials that had been mailed, shipped, and transported in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer; and such visual depiction was transported and transmitted using a means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce and in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce; in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2251(a).

**COUNT TWO**  
**18 U.S.C. § 2251(a)**  
**Sexual Exploitation of a Minor**

D-2 Preston Creed-Boehm  
D-3 Joshua Buren Hippensteel

2. On or about November 7, 2022, in the Eastern District of Michigan, and elsewhere, defendants, Preston Creed-Boehm and Joshua Buren Hippensteel, knowingly employed, used, persuaded, induced, enticed, and coerced a minor, MV-1, to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing a visual depiction of such conduct, knowing and having reason to know that such visual depiction would be transported and transmitted using a means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce, and in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce; and the visual depiction was produced and transmitted using materials that had been mailed, shipped, and transported in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer; and such visual depiction

was transported and transmitted using a means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce and in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce; in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2251(a).

**COUNT THREE**

**18 U.S.C. § 2251(a) & (e)**

**Sexual Exploitation of a Minor and Attempted Sexual Exploitation of a Minor**

D-1 Nicholas Alan Dunn

D-3 Joshua Buren Hippensteel

3. On or about November 12, 2022, in the Eastern District of Michigan, and elsewhere, defendants, Nicholas Alan Dunn and Joshua Buren Hippensteel, knowingly employed, used, persuaded, induced, enticed, and coerced a minor, MV-1, to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing a visual depiction of such conduct, knowing and having reason to know that such visual depiction would be transported and transmitted using a means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce, and in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce; and the visual depiction was produced and transmitted using materials that had been mailed, shipped, and transported in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer; and such visual depiction was transported and transmitted using a means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce and in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce; in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2251(a) and (e).

**COUNT FOUR**  
**18 U.S.C. § 2251(a)**  
**Sexual Exploitation of a Minor**

D-1 Nicholas Alan Dunn

4. At a time unknown in or around 2022, in the Eastern District of Michigan, and elsewhere, defendant, Nicholas Alan Dunn, knowingly employed, used, persuaded, induced, enticed, and coerced a minor, MV-1, to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing a visual depiction of such conduct, knowing and having reason to know that such visual depiction would be transported and transmitted using a means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce, and in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce; and the visual depiction was produced and transmitted using materials that had been mailed, shipped, and transported in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer; and such visual depiction was transported and transmitted using a means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce and in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce; in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2251(a).

**COUNT FIVE**  
**18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(2)**  
**Distribution of Child Pornography**

D-2 Preston Creed-Boehm

5. On or about December 14, 2022, in the Eastern District of Michigan, and elsewhere, defendant, Preston Creed-Boehm, knowingly distributed material that contained child pornography, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2256(8), using a means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce; and the material that contained child pornography was shipped and transported in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer; in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A(a)(2).

**COUNT SIX**  
**18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(5)(B) & (b)(2)**  
**Possession of Child Pornography**

D-2 Preston Creed-Boehm

6. On or about December 15, 2022, in the Eastern District of Michigan, and elsewhere, defendant, Preston Creed-Boehm, knowingly possessed child pornography, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2256(8), which had been mailed, shipped, and transported using a means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce and in and affecting foreign commerce; and the child pornography was produced using materials that had been mailed, shipped and transported in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce; and the child pornography involved a prepubescent minor

and a minor who had not attained 12 years of age, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A(a)(5)(B) and (b)(2).

**FORFEITURE ALLEGATION**  
**18 U.S.C. § 2253 and 28 U.S.C. § 2461**

7. The allegations contained in Counts One through Six of this Indictment are hereby re-alleged and incorporated by reference for the purpose of alleging forfeiture pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2253 and 28 U.S.C. § 2461.

8. Upon conviction of one or more of the offenses charged in Counts One through Six of the Indictment, defendants shall, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 2253, and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461, forfeit to the United States the following:

- a. Any visual depiction described in Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2251, 2251A, or 2252, 2252A, 2252B, or 2260, or any book, magazine, periodical, film, videotape, or other matter which contains any such visual depiction, which was produced, transported, mailed, shipped, or received in violation of these subsections;
- b. Any property, real or personal, constituting or traceable to gross profits or other proceeds obtained from such offense; and
- c. Any property, real or personal, used or intended to be used to commit or to promote the commission of such offense or any property traceable to such property.

9. Substitute Assets: If the property described above as being subject to forfeiture, as a result of any act or omission of defendants:

- a. Cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;

- b. Has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
- c. Has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;
- d. Has been substantially diminished in value; or
- e. Has been commingled with other property that cannot be divided without difficulty;

the United States of America shall be entitled to forfeiture of substitute property pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

THIS IS A TRUE BILL  
s/ Grand Jury Foreperson  
GRAND JURY FOREPERSON

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Dated: November 16, 2023

<b>United States District Court Eastern District of Michigan</b>	<b>Criminal Case Cover Sheet</b>   Case Number: _____
<small>NOTE: It is the responsibility of the Assistant U.S. Attorney signing this form to complete</small>	
<b>Companion Case Information</b>	
This may be a companion case based on LCrR 57.10(b)(4) <sup>1</sup> : _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<b>AUSA's Initials: AN</b>

**Case Title:** USA v. Nicholas Alan Dunn, Preston Creed-Boehm, Joshua Buren Hippenstein

**County where offense occurred:** Genesee

**Offense Type:** Felony

Indictment -- based upon prior complaint [Case number: 22-mj-30540, 22-mj-30530, 22-mj-30541]

### **Superseding Case Information**

**Superseding to Case No:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Judge:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reason:**

**Defendant Name**

**Charges**

**Prior Complaint (if applicable)**

**Please take notice that the below listed Assistant United States Attorney is the attorney of record for the above captioned case**

November 16, 2023

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<sup>1</sup> Companion cases are matters in which it appears that (1) substantially similar evidence will be offered at trial, or (2) the same or related parties are present, and the cases arise out of the same transaction or occurrence. Cases may be companion cases even though one of them may have already been terminated.